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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Thomas Mayer-Boudnik et al., "MHEG: An interchange format for interaktive multimedia presentations", Reihe Informatik 7/94 – Universität Mannheim, Seminargebäude A5 68131 Mannheim, 'Online! 1995;
- B. Rob Koenen, "MPEG-4 Multimedia for our time", IEEE Spectrum, 'Online! February 1999;
- C. PCT Application Publication No. WO 02/17642 published by WIPO on February 28, 2002;
- D. French patent publication No. 2 768 530 published by the French Patent Office on March 19, 1999;
- E. U.S. Patent No. 5,748,499 issued to Trueblood on May 5, 1998;
- F. German patent publication No. 198 33 053 published by the German Patent Office on January 27, 2000;
- G. U.S. patent publication No. 2002/0007493 issued to Butler et al. on January 17, 2002;
- H. U.S. Patent No. 6,201,538 issued to Wugofski on March 13, 2001; and

I. U.S. Patent No. 5,376,842 issued to Honoa et al. on December 27, 1994.

The above-listed prior arts are cited in the Search Report which was prepared and mailed out on September 17, 2003 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 02 25 2163 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Though prior art D and F cited in the Search Report is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings As along with the explanation of such marking. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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